

OFTIACEAE, A NEW NAME FOR A FAMILY OF MAGNOLIOPHYTA

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ABSTRACT

Oftiaceae is proposed as a new name for the illegitimate Spielmanniaceae J.G. Agardh, a name in current use whose proposed conservation was not accepted.

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Reveal & Hoogland (1992) recently proposed eight vascular plant family names in current use for conservation. The Committee for Spermatophyta (Brummitt, pers. comm.) has decided not to adopt Abietaceae (1820) over Cedraceae (1818) or to conserve the illegitimate Dulongiaceae (1858) over Phyllonomaceae (1905). Another illegitimate name that will not be conserved is Spielmanniaceae. As this name is used currently (Takhtajan 1987), the following new family name is proposed:

Oftiaceae Takhtajan & Reveal, *fam. et stat. nov.* validated by the Latin description of Verbenaceae subtribe Spielmanninae J.C. Schauer, *Prodr.* 11:525. 1847 (as "Spielmanneae"), *nom. illeg.* - TYPE: *Oftia* Adanson (1763).

Syn: Spielmanniaceae J.G. Agardh, *Theoria Syst. Pl.* 194. 1858, *nom. illeg.* - TYPE: *Spielmannia* Medikus (1775), *nom. illeg. superfl.* (Art. 63.1) = *Oftia* Adanson (1763).

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